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President: Mr. Ping (Gabon)

The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

Agenda items 45 and 55 (continued)

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Draft resolution (A/59/L.60)

The President (*spoke in French*): Members will recall that the General Assembly, at its 73rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 2004, adopted resolution 59/145, on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the Assembly.

In connection with the two items before it, the General Assembly now has before it another draft resolution issued as document A/59/L.60.

I should like at the outset to express to all delegations my deep gratitude for their support and their spirit of cooperation and understanding throughout the consultations on the draft resolution that I have submitted to the Assembly. I should also like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the two facilitators, His Excellency Mr. Eduardo Sevilla Somoza, Permanent Representative of Nicaragua, and His Excellency Mr. Johan Løvald, Permanent

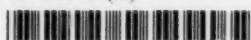
Representative of Norway, on their unfailing dedication and on all their efforts.

As I mentioned during the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary held on 1 April 2005, the draft resolution's main objective is to formalize those practical modalities for organizing the high-level plenary meeting that were not covered by resolution 59/145. The draft resolution contained in document A/59/L.60 is the result of members' observations and comments on the text that they received on 1 April and of the intensive consultations that the two facilitators and I conducted over the past two weeks with Member States.

What struck me throughout my discussions with Member States was their heightened sense of responsibility given their awareness that, above and beyond the practical organization of the September 2005 high-level plenary meeting, we must work together so that we can effectively meet the challenges and face the threats of our time. Members showed flexibility when it was imperative that we find a balanced solution, and I am grateful to them for that. I was also aware of the widely shared conviction that we must finalize the organizational aspects of the September 2005 high-level plenary meeting as swiftly as possible so that we can focus totally on substantive issues in the weeks and months to come.

I should now like to draw attention to the main changes made to the text that we considered on 1 April. Of course, the changes are reflected in the draft resolution now before members.

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Members will note that subparagraphs (a) to (g) of the second preambular paragraph of the 1 April document — which recalled certain operative paragraphs of resolution 59/145 — have been deleted for the sake of conciseness, since that resolution is referred to specifically in the preambular part.

In operative paragraph 1, the phrase “which should lead to the adoption of a balanced document” has been added at the end.

Operative paragraph 2 has been rewritten and now reads:

(spoke in English)

“Welcomes the submission by the Secretary-General on 21 March 2005 of the comprehensive report entitled ‘In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all’”.

(spoke in French)

Paragraph 9 is new.

With respect to paragraph 11, I would like to make a revision by adding the following phrase at the end of the paragraph: “taking into account the views expressed by Member States”. With that addition, and with the changes made to the 1 April text, paragraph 11 now reads as follows:

“Requests the President of the General Assembly to continue to hold open, inclusive and transparent consultations with all Member States with a view to reaching the broadest possible agreement on all major issues relating to the High-level Plenary Meeting, taking into account the views expressed by Member States”.

Paragraph 11 of annex I has been changed and now reads as follows:

“Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector, one from each grouping, selected during the informal interactive Hearings of June 2005, may also be included in the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the High-level Plenary Meeting in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, time permitting”.

Paragraph 13 of annex I is new.

Turning now to annex II, paragraph 9 of that annex is also new.

We conclude with annex III, whose paragraph 5 is new as well.

Those are the main changes that have been made to the draft resolution. As I noted at the start of the meeting, those changes are the result of the consultations conducted by the two facilitators and me.

With respect to paragraph 11 of annex I, I am convinced that this wording will in no way undermine the General Assembly’s desire for interaction with the representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society and private sector organizations.

I would request that any technical corrections necessary to harmonize the texts in the various official languages be conveyed to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will take note of them and take them into account when it publishes the resolution as document A/RES/59/291.

I would like again to thank all Member States and the various groups for their great attention to the consideration of the draft resolution. I would also like to thank them for their important contributions and the excellent cooperation and willingness they demonstrated throughout the consultations.

In adopting this draft resolution by consensus, as I encourage delegations to do, you will enable our respective leaders and States to be better prepared for the high-level plenary meeting of September 2005.

May I take it that the General Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/59/L.60, as orally revised?

Draft resolution A/59/L.60, as orally revised, was adopted (resolution 59/291).

The President *(spoke in French)*: I call now on delegations wishing to explain their positions on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. Akram (Pakistan): Mr. President, first, we would like to thank you for your efforts in steering draft resolution A/59/L.60 towards adoption by consensus. We congratulate you on those efforts and trust that the consensus that we have reached on this resolution will be a strong precedent for our continuing to use the practice of achieving decisions by consensus in the process on which we are embarked to prepare for the September summit. I would also like to recognize

the contributions and hard work of your two facilitators and to thank them for their cooperation.

The Pakistan delegation has consistently held that it is essential to have full clarity about the process, the outcome and the decision-making related to the September high-level event. It was for that purpose that we suggested certain changes to the text as it was originally drafted.

First, with regard to the objectives and priorities of the September high-level event, the first preambular paragraph of the resolution just adopted recalls resolution 58/291. We must all remember that in that resolution — specifically, in its paragraph 2 — we set out the objectives of convening the high-level event. By paragraph 2 of resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004, the General Assembly decided that the major event would

“undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation, at the national, regional and international levels, of the outcomes and commitments of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, on the basis of a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General”.

My delegation and, I am sure, a large number of other delegations, will continue to be guided by that provision, which clearly affirmed the priority to be accorded to development at the forthcoming high-level event.

Secondly, with regard to the process, this is the second, very crucial, phase of the preparatory process for the high-level event in September. The membership has received three key inputs in the shape of the High-level Panel report (A/59/565), the Millennium Project report (A/59/727) and the Secretary-General's report (A/59/2005). But the process is now entirely an intergovernmental one. We believe that the outcome document should be based primarily on the inputs and proposals presented by Member States. During the current process, Member States will thus be presenting their views and inputs, and we hope that those inputs

will become the basis for the broadest possible agreement, to which the resolution refers. We are grateful that the words “taking into account the views of Member States” have been added at the end of operative paragraph 11 in order to affirm the intergovernmental nature of the process.

Thirdly, with regard to decision-making, it is also clear to my delegation that we will have to achieve the broadest possible agreement. We are seeking a new consensus for the United Nations, and that new consensus must be achieved by consensus. We therefore welcome the consensus adoption of the resolution. We have joined the consensus because we believe in consensus.

Mr. Requeijo Gual (Cuba) (*spoke in Spanish*): My delegation would like, first of all, to thank you, Mr. President, for introducing the new version of the resolution on preparation for and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly. We note that the text incorporates new elements, some of which respond to the concerns expressed by some delegations. We believe, therefore, that it constitutes an improved version of the initial draft text that was submitted to us for consideration.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly after we received a copy of the new draft text, the Cuban delegation sent to your Office a note containing number of amendments to it. We did so with a view to improving the draft and in the interests of coming up with language that would make it possible for the important September event to be held in a more open and inclusive format. It was our intention to present those amendments today for the consideration of other delegations and to have an open and transparent discussion about them. However, in response to a specific request from your Office, Sir, we decided not to submit those amendments. Through that gesture, Cuba is once again showing its respect for you and for what you represent, as well as demonstrating its great flexibility in the interests of the swift adoption of the resolution with a view to an immediate substantive discussion of the items that will be addressed by Member States during the September event.

In conclusion, my delegation hopes that, henceforth, and in accordance with the mandate of the resolution, there will be genuine, open, inclusive and transparent consultations with all Member States on all

important issues relating to the high-level plenary meeting.

The President (*spoke in French*): I thank the representative of Cuba for his understanding.

Mr. Hoscheit (Luxembourg) (*spoke in French*): The European Union, on whose behalf I am taking the floor, welcomes the adoption of the resolution on preparation for and organization of the September summit. We would like to express to you, Mr. President, and to the facilitators — the representatives of Nicaragua and of Norway — our sincere gratitude for their tireless work, and that of Member States, which enabled us to arrive, in a timely manner, at a draft text that we were able to adopt today by consensus.

The European Union fully supports the approach that you, Mr. President, have suggested. The adoption of the resolution today will enable us to concentrate fully on negotiations on issues of substance, beginning on Tuesday next, under your leadership and with the guidance of the facilitators.

As resolution 58/291 prescribes — and as recalled in subparagraph (f) of the second preambular paragraph of the President's draft circulated on 1 April — the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General of 21 March (A/59/2005), which the European Union would like once again to welcome, provides the basis for our discussion of very important issues, which have been clustered thematically in that report.

The European Union also welcomes the decision to open the summit to representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, as was done in 2000 during the Millennium Summit. During consultations on the draft resolution, we took the opportunity to express emphatically, on several occasions, our preference for the greatest possible participation of such actors in the various segments of the September summit. In this respect, we would like to reaffirm the principle of the participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector in the summit's plenary meetings. We are fully confident that you, Mr. President, will facilitate such participation.

You can rest assured, Sir, that you, the facilitators, groups of States and individual States will continue to find the European Union an attentive participant that is firmly committed to ensuring that the

September summit will achieve a far-reaching and balanced outcome.

Mr. Mirafzal (Islamic Republic of Iran): Mr. President, we wish to thank you and your facilitators for the efforts you have made in preparing for and conducting the negotiations on this procedural resolution.

My delegation joined the consensus on the resolution just adopted by the General Assembly on the understanding that this resolution is of a procedural nature and in no way affects or addresses matters of a substantive nature. Therefore, in our view, this resolution does not refer explicitly or implicitly to the content or the substance of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all".

The President (*spoke in French*): By deciding to adopt this resolution by consensus, the General Assembly has just confirmed its staunch determination to move forward on the path towards the holding of the high-level plenary meeting in September 2005.

We now know the practical organizational modalities and the general frame of reference for the high-level plenary meeting, at which our leaders will meet with a view to reaching agreement on the important decisions they will have to take in order to strengthen our Organization and to endeavour better to respond to the aspirations of our respective peoples for a more decent and a safer life, with full enjoyment of their freedom and their dignity.

We thus have a good basis for work, since we have now agreed, in accordance with resolution 58/291, to conduct our consultations on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General.

Of course, it is the views of Member States that will enable us to reach the broadest possible agreement on all major issues to which solutions must be found. That is obvious.

We must now prepare to continue our substantive consultations as of 19 April. Towards that end, I addressed a letter to members yesterday, Thursday, 14 April, in which I specified both the timetable and the general guidelines for the informal thematic consultations. The 10 facilitators who will be conducting these consultations are completely available to respond to members' concerns, and, of

course, members should not hesitate to contact me directly whenever necessary.

Lastly, I should like once again to recall the fundamental principle that has always guided us and which will continue to guide my work — that of conducting our consultations in a transparent, open and

inclusive manner, be it be in the framework of consultations in plenary, or in informal consultations.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 45 and 55.

The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.



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Fifty-ninth session

93rd plenary meeting

Thursday, 21 April 2005, 10 a.m.
New York

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President: Mr. Ping (Gabon)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Verbeke (Belgium), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Agenda item 164

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/780)

The Acting President (*spoke in French*): If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee that is before it today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President (*spoke in French*): Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendation of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary

meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee”.

May I also remind delegations that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendation contained in the report of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take a decision in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 59/292).

The Acting President (*spoke in French*): The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 164.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

94th plenary meeting

Thursday, 28 April 2005, 10 a.m.
New York

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President: Mr. Ping (Gabon)

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 113 (continued)

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/59/668/Add.11)

The President (*spoke in French*): Before turning to the item on our agenda, I would like to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/59/668/Add.11, in which the Secretary-General informs the President of the General Assembly that, since the issuance of his communications contained in documents A/59/668 and Addenda 1 to 10, Dominica has made the payments necessary to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

May I take it that the General Assembly duly takes note of the information contained in this document?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 17 (continued)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

(h) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/59/788)

The President (*spoke in French*): As indicated in document A/59/788, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Christopher Thomas of Trinidad and Tobago, the General Assembly is required, at its fifty-ninth session, to appoint a person to serve as a member of the Joint

Inspection Unit for a period expiring on 31 December 2008.

In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, and having consulted the regional group concerned, I requested Peru to propose a candidate to replace Mr. Thomas. The candidate, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/267 of 23 December 2004, should have experience in at least one of the following fields — oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance — as well as knowledge of the United Nations system and of its role in international relations.

As also indicated in document A/59/788, as a result of the consultations held in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, I submit to the Assembly the candidature of Mr. Juan Luis Larrabure of Peru for appointment as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a period beginning immediately and expiring on 31 December 2008.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to appoint that candidate?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

95th plenary meeting

Thursday, 5 May 2005, 10 a.m.
New York

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President: Mr. Ping (Gabon)

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 8 (continued)

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item

The President (*spoke in French*): The General Assembly will first take up a request submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/59/240 relating to the confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

As indicated in the note, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly that he has appointed Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as his Chief of Staff effective 18 January 2005.

Consequently, it will be necessary, at the current session, to confirm the appointment of a new Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

In that connection, the Secretary-General has the honour to request, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda of the current session of an additional sub-item entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme", under agenda item 17, entitled

"Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments".

Owing to the nature of the item, unless there is an objection, may I take it that the General Assembly agrees that the relevant provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure, which would require a meeting of the General Committee on the question of the inclusion of this additional sub-item on the agenda, could be waived.

I see no objection.

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, wishes to include in the agenda of the current session an additional sub-item entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme" as a sub-item of agenda item 17, under heading 1, "Organizational, administrative and other matters"?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to consider this sub-item directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): I should now like to consult members with regard to proceeding immediately to the consideration of sub-item (k) of agenda item 17.

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In this connection, I should like to draw members' attention to the relevant provision of rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which reads as follows:

"No additional item may, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, be considered until seven days have elapsed since it was placed on the agenda and until a committee has reported upon the question concerned."

In the absence of objection, I shall take it that the Assembly agrees to proceed immediately to the consideration of sub-item (k) of agenda item 17.

It was so decided.

Agenda item 17 (continued)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

(k) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Note by the Secretary-General (A/59/240)

The President (spoke in French): As indicated in the note by the Secretary-General, contained in document A/59/240, in paragraph 22, part B, of its resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958 on the establishment of the Special Fund, the General Assembly provided that the Secretary-General, after having consulted the Governing council of the Special Fund, would appoint the Managing Director, subject to confirmation by the Assembly. This procedure has been construed as applying also to the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

By its decisions 53/323 of 23 April 1999 and 57/415 of 15 April 2003, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Mark Malloch Brown as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, first for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999, then for a further four-year period beginning on 1 July 2003.

The Secretary-General's decision to appoint Mr. Malloch Brown as his Chief of Staff effective

18 January 2005 necessitated the search for a new Administrator.

Following consultations with members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the Secretary-General now requests the General Assembly to confirm the appointment of Mr. Kemal Derviş of Turkey as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office commencing on 15 August 2005 and ending on 14 August 2009.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Kemal Derviş of Turkey as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office commencing on 15 August 2005 and ending on 14 August 2009?

It was so decided.

The President (spoke in French): The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (k) of agenda item 17.

(i) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services

Note by the Secretary-General (A/59/109)

The President (spoke in French): Members will recall that the Assembly, in its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, decided to establish an Office of Internal Oversight Services under the authority of the Secretary-General, the head of which would be at the rank of Under-Secretary-General.

By that resolution, the Assembly also decided the following.

First, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services should be an expert in the fields of accounting, auditing, financial analysis and investigations, management, law or public administration.

Secondly, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services should be appointed by the Secretary-General following consultations with Member States and with the approval of the General Assembly. For that purpose, the Secretary-General should appoint the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services with due regard for geographic rotation and in so doing should be guided by the provisions of paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, whereby

the Assembly decided in particular that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in a senior post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States.

Thirdly, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services should serve for one fixed term of five years without possibility of renewal.

Finally, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services might be removed by the Secretary-General only for cause and with the approval of the General Assembly.

In the light of the provisions of resolution 48/218 B, the Secretary-General proposes to appoint Ms. Inga-Britt Ahlenius of Sweden as Under-Secretary-General for

Internal Oversight Services for one fixed term of five years. I have been informed that her term would commence on 15 July 2005 and would end on 14 July 2010.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to approve that appointment?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in French*): This further information on the effective date of her appointment will be reflected in an addendum to document A/59/109, to be issued.

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.